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Docket No.: 4444-020

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Dominique CURET et al :
Serial No. Not assigned : Group Art Unit: n/a
Filed: Herewith : Examiner: n/a
For: A METHOD SWITCHING THE VIDEO COMPONENT(S) OF A FIRST
DIGITAL, AUDIO-VISUAL PROGRAM ONTO THE VIDEO COMPONENTS
OF A SECOND DIGITAL, VIDEO-AUDIO PROGRAM TO COMPENSATE
THEIR PHASE SHIFT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A method of switching video component(s) of a first digital audio-visual program onto video component(s) of a second digital audio-visual program, each video component including in the order of presentation, an ordered sequence of pictures which are either Intra pictures (denoted by I) or predictive pictures (denoted by P) or bidirectional pictures (denoted by B), each Intra picture referring to no other picture, each predictive picture referring to the Intra picture or to the predictive picture